

### Reoccupation of Malvern Hill by Federal Troops.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

On Monday afternoon, Gen. Joseph Hooker, with his entire Division, together with the Division under command of General Sedgwick, a brigade of cavalry under Gen. Pleasanton, and four batteries, commanded respectively by Captains DeRussy, Benson, Bramall, and Tidball, the whole under the immediate command of Gen. Hooker, were ordered to make a reconnaissance towards the enemy's lines.

At four o'clock they left the encampment and proceeded out the Charles City road; after following it a few miles they struck off into the by-roads, and about ten reached Nelson's Farm, where they bivouacked for the night. Early in the morning they were again on their way, and still following a roundabout way; in an hour after this second start, they found themselves in the rear of Malvern Hill, and the Confederates there stationed, thus effectually getting between Richmond and its protectors. Judging from the preparations that had been made for our reception, it was evident that some of their many spies, which, at all times, are believed to be among us, had given them the information of our coming.

Soon after reaching our position the forces were formed in line of battle. The artillery on the front, supported by infantry, and the cavalry to the left, to do the scouting.

Soon after six o'clock the enemy opened upon us with their field pieces, our forces promptly returning. The fight lasted nearly two hours, when the enemy retired towards the river, taking with them their pieces.

It was the opinion of the Commanding General, when commencing the battle, that the enemy were in large force at this point, the nature of the ground and the character of the country preventing a sight at their encampment, and hence their numbers were not definitely known. After the fight it was discovered that they had only three regiments infantry, four pieces of artillery, and a small number of cavalry. The prisoners were taken all concur in saying that they would have retired upon the first intimation of our approach, had they not been momentarily expecting the arrival of General Toombs and his division. Up to a late hour last night it had not arrived.

During the engagement we only had two batteries engaged, Captains Benson and Bramall; so effectively were they managed that the infantry were not called upon to fire a single shot.

Our gunboats, too, should not be forgotten, for during the engagement they occasionally let slip some few shells among them; if doing no immediate damage, they succeeded in creating an immense fright, for nothing are the Confederates so much afraid of as they are of the shells which are fired from these same gunboats.

The non-arrival of Gen. Toombs, with his Division, is by some, attributed to the presence of our gunboat. There is sufficient reason for this supposition, as there is no road not previously occupied by us by which he could have reached the hill, except one that runs directly along the bank of the river, and open to a raking fire from all the gunboats there stationed.

The result of this expedition is gratifying in the extreme, as it has enabled us to repossess and hold one of the strongest positions between this point and Richmond. From the river the distance is not greater than is our position. The high and otherwise peculiar situation of the ground will enable our gunboats to better protect us, if their assistance is needed. And in all probability, the entire army will occupy this point at no distant day, and thereby be (in a straight line) six miles nearer the desired haven. Other troops were sent last night to assist those already there should they be attacked.

**LOCAL.**—A disturbance occurred in the market square this morning, in which a negro man was knocked down and beaten, for threatening and using insulting language to a white woman.—We have been requested to repeat that no passes are required between this place and Washington.—H. Clay Emerson, was this morning arrested by the military authorities and confined at the Provost Marshal's.—Two deaths from effect of the heat of the sun occurred in this city yesterday. In one instance, the man had been sick for some time, and had worked in an unprotected place during the heat of the day. The other case a man also, was unquestionably "sun stroke." Inquests were held on the bodies, and verdicts in accordance with the facts rendered.

The prisoners captured by Col. Geary's scouts, a few days ago, near Sperryville, were Henry E. Bowen, of the Seventh Infantry, at home on furlough. He had participated in the battles of Bull Run, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks and Richmond. At the latter place he was wounded in the face. Robt. R. Green, Sixth Virginia Cavalry (Ewell's corps.) Jas. Henry, Seventh Virginia Infantry. Isaac Culler, a substitute for his son in the Seventh Virginia Infantry. Francis J. Foster, First Virginia militia.

From an official register of the U. S. Military Academy, just published, we gather its condition at the examination in June. The academic and military staff combined—including professors, officers and cadets serving as instructors—number thirty-nine. The first class, that which graduated in June, most of the members of which are already serving with the army, consists of twenty-eight members; the second class—now first—has but twenty-six; the third, thirty three, of whom three are pronounced deficient, and recommended for discharge, and one was absent from the examination. In the fourth class, there were eighty-eight members, of whom six were pronounced deficient, and to be discharged.

The Philadelphia Inquirer says the female who was arrested for disturbing the war meeting in Washington yesterday, by utterance of treasonable sentiments, is the wife of an officer on General McClellan's staff. On account of her husband's position and known loyalty, it is deemed proper to suppress her name.

#### MARRIED.

At the Assembly church, in Washington, on the 6th instant, Mr. WM. R. SMITH, of the National Botanic Garden, to Miss HANNAH M. FAWCETT, of Maryland.

In Washington on the 6th instant, by the Rev. J. E. Weems, TOWNSHEND BAGGOTT, esq., to Miss SUSANNA BEACH, both of Alexandria, Va.

#### DIED.

In this city, this morning, CHARLES R. TATSAPAGH. His friends are invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his Aunt, No. 10, St. Asaph street, to-morrow afternoon, at 7 o'clock.

On Monday, August 4th, WM. BOOTHE, second son of David A. and Mary C. Windsor, in the fifth year of his age.

"I know that he is happy,  
With his angel plumage on,  
But my heart is very desolate,  
To think that he is gone."

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